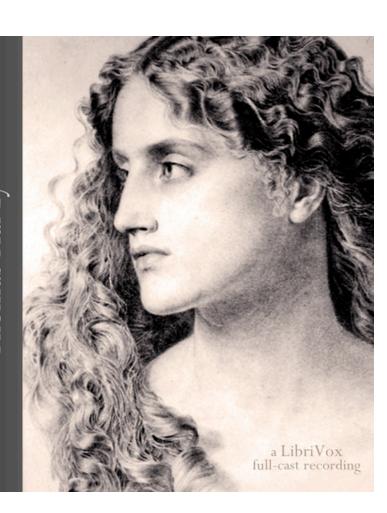
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Clem Yeobright returns home to Egdon Heath, a scattered collection of houses on the isolated Wessex moors, and is caught up in a "love pentagon" which includes his cousin, Thomasin Yeobright; the shadowy inn-keeper, Damon Wildeve; the controversial and romantic Eustacia Vye; and the mysterious reddleman, Diggory Venn, whose skin is stained completely red from his work. This novel has all the wellknown marks of Thomas Hardy: the Wessex landscape, a choice of lovers, a wedding gone wrong, a particularly shy 30-something man, and a woman with an independent spirit. But The Return of the Native is unique in its pagan undertones - the first five books take place over a year and a day, starting on All Hallow's Eve, and hints of magic and witchcraft.

Narrator: Bob Neufeld Clym Yeobright: Tadhg Eustacia Vye: Amanda Friday Damon Wildeve: Chris Cartwright Thomasin Yeobright: Rapunzelina Diggory Venn: Chuck Williamson Mrs. Yeobright: Michele Eaton Grandfer Cantle and "Saint George": alanmapstone

Timothy Fairway: tovarisch

Humphrey, Bonfire Boy, Party Guest, Raffle Woman, Inn Girl and Rachel: Elizabeth Klett

Total running time: 6:05:11

Cover design by Kathryn Delaney Drawing of a Woman's Head by Frederick Sandys, 1890 Olly Dowden and Charley: Charlotte Duckett Susan Nunsuch: Beth Thomas Christian Cantle: TriciaG Sam: ToddHW Captain Vye, "Doctor", Driver, and Pedlar: Patti Cunningham Johnny Nunsuch: CaprishaPage Vye Servant and "Saracen": Libby Gohn "Father Christmas": David Olson "Valiant Soldier": Kristingi Chapman and Surgeon: Karen Savage

Nurse: Availle

